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ST. JOHN'S FREE CHURCH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

St. John's Church is a stone structure which will seat 300 persons and while it has recently been refurbished, there is a need for additional repairs which would cost approximately $3,500.00.

Separated from the church is a brick parish hall with two floors and a basement. The upper floor has an auditorium, the ground floor contains two offices, a chapel, and a kitchen and dining area, and the basement has a recreation room in addition to a storage and heating area. This building requires considerable renovation.

The rectory is separated from the church, and is a brick structure, containing nine rooms and a full basement. This building needs some repairs which were estimated to cost about $300.00.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

St. John's Church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by industrial uses and single-home dwellings. These single-home dwellings are of the type known as row houses. It appears that the neighborhood is not changing to any great degree at the present time.

Philadelphia is divided into tracts for the purposes of the United States Census Bureau. St. John's Church is located in Census Tract 25-A. This tract, together with the surrounding four tracts, have been arbitrarily assigned as the parish area. The following table gives information concerning the total population of this area, the number of Episcopalians found in the area, and the total parish membership of St. John's Church in this area:

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| CENSUS TRACT | TOTAL POP. | TOTAL EPIS. | % OF POP EPIS. | TOTAL PARISH MEMB. | % EPIS. MEMB. | % PARISH MEMB. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25-A | 9,533 | 252 | 2.6 | 156 | 61.9 | 60.4 |
| 25-B | 9,300 | 92 | 1.0 | 12 | 13.0 | 4.6 |
| 31-A | 9,982 | 105 | 1.1 | 2 | 1.9 | 0.8 |
| 33-I | 12,045 | 222 | 1.8 | 0 | ---- | ---- |
| 45-G | 9,428 | 213 | 2.3 | 26 | 12.2 | 10.0 |
| Total | 50,288 | 884 | 1.8 | 196 | 22.2 | 75.8 |

The percentage of the Episcopal population in Philadelphia is 2.0%. In the diocese as a whole this percentage is 3.2%. The national average is approximately 1.8%. Since St. John's Church can locate more than 75% of its parish membership in the arbitrarily assigned parish area, this should be considered a neighborhood church. What is unusual, however, is that St. John's Church has a relatively low proportion of all of the Episcopalians in the area surrounding the church. It should be noted that there are other Episcopal churches in Census Tracts 31-A and 33-I.

The following table gives information concerning the changes in population between 1950 and 1960, the percentage of the population 14 years of age and under and 65 years of age and older, and the median age for men and women in the arbitrarily assigned parish area:

| CENSUS TRACT | POPULATION 1950 | POPULATION 1960 | % CHANGE | % 14 & UNDER | % 65 & OVER | MED. AGE M | MED. AGE F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25-A | 10,692 | 9,533 | -10.7 | 25.2 | 11.5 | 33.3 | 36.4 |
| 25-B | 10,665 | 9,300 | -12.8 | 28.2 | 9.7 | 30.7 | 32.6 |
| 31-A | 11,840 | 9,982 | -15.7 | 28.9 | 9.5 | 30.2 | 31.9 |
| 33-I | NA | 12,045 | | 27.4 | 11.3 | 31.4 | 34.5 |
| 45-G | NA | 9,428 | | 25.5 | 11.9 | 34.6 | 37.2 |
| Total | | 50,288 | | | | | |

In the City of Philadelphia, the population declined by 3.3% in the ten-year census period. The percentage of the population 14 years of age and under was 26.5% in 1960, and the proportion 65 years of age and older was 10.4%. The median age for men in the City of Philadelphia was 32.1 years and the median age for women was 34.6 years. While it appears that the median age level for the arbitrarily assigned parish area is slightly higher than that for Philadelphia as a whole, the differences are not particularly significant.

The following table gives information concerning the education of persons 25 years of age and older in the arbitrarily assigned parish area:

| CENSUS TRACT | ED. OF ADULTS 25 YRS OF AGE & OVER % H.S.GRAD. | % COLL. 1-3 YRS. | % COLL. GRAD. | MEDIAN ED. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25-A | 15.1 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 8.7 |
| 25-B | 12.5 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 8.7 |
| 31-A | 11.5 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 8.7 |
| 33-I | 12.0 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 8.7 |
| 45-G | 12.7 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 8.8 |

In the City of Philadelphia, 20% of the adult population are high school graduates, 5.1% have had from one to three years of college, and 5.1% are college graduates. The median education in Philadelphia is 9.6 years. In the arbitrarily assigned parish area, the level of education is considerably below that for the city as a whole.

The following table gives information concerning the changes in the non-white population between 1950 and 1960, and the percentage of the population that is non-white.

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| CENSUS TRACT | NON-WHITE POPULATION 1950 | 1960 | % CHANGE | % NON-WHITE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25-A | 11 | 20 | 81.8 | 0.2 |
| 25-B | 473 | 484 | 2.3 | 5.2 |
| 31-A | 18 | 30 | 66.7 | 0.3 |
| 33-I | NA | 25 | ---- | 0.2 |
| 45-G | NA | 21 | ---- | 0.2 |
| Total | | 580 | | 1.2 |

In the City of Philadelphia, the non-white population made up 26.7% of the total population in 1960 and had grown by 41.2% in the decade 1950-1960. No tract in the arbitrarily assigned parish area had any where near comparable statistics.

The following table gives information concerning the percentage of the population five years of age and older in the arbitrarily assigned parish area which had the same residence in 1960 as in 1955:

| CENSUS TRACT | RESIDENCE 1960 SAME AS 1955 % |
|---|---|
| 25-A | 66.2 |
| 25-B | 75.9 |
| 31-A | 62.2 |
| 33-I | 67.1 |
| 45-G | 67.2 |

In the City of Philadelphia, the percentage of persons five years of age and older maintaining the same residence for a five year period was 60%. While the population is declining in the area, the residents who remain tend to be persons who have lived in the area for quite a while. There is no indication that the population is turning over to any great degree.

There are three public grade schools in the parish neighborhood, a public vocational school, a junior high school, and a girls high school. There are two Roman Catholic grade schools in the area.

The Church Self-Study Form lists other churches in the neighborhood as follows: a Lutheran Church, a Presbyterian Church, two Methodists churches, a Baptist Church, a Salvation Army Hall, a Synagogue, and two Roman Catholic churches.

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THE CHURCH PROGRAM

On an average Sunday morning, 100 persons, or approximately 40% of the baptized membership, are in church. This compares to a national average of approximately 50%. Services on a Sunday morning consist of an 8:00 a.m. Eucharist, followed by a Eucharist or Morning Prayer at 9:15 a.m. and Eucharist or Morning Prayer at 11:00 a.m. Celebration of the Eucharist takes place on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the morning, and on Prayer Book Holy Days as announced. It is stated in the Church Self-Study Form that the addition of a 9:15 a.m. Family Service and Sunday School has not had good results.

The church school has a total registration of 50 students and five teachers. Attendance during the past year ranged from a low of 20 to a high of 40. The church school is closely graded from kindergarten through the seventh grade. There may be some misinterpretation of the instructions in the Church Self-Study Form, since there appear to be eight classes, and only five teachers. It is mentioned in the Church Self-Study Form that there is a need for higher grades in the church school, and more teachers.

The Church Self-Study Form sets forth that 149 persons, or 71% of the communicant strength participate in one or more of the organizations of the church. This is a very high percentage of participation, and probably indicates that several people in the parish belong to more than one organization. Five reports of individual organizations are given in the Church Self-Study Form, and they include a Ladies Guild, the Men's Club, the Senior Choir, the Young People's Fellowship, and a Junior Girls' Friendly Society. The reports for all of these organizations are exceedingly brief, but this probably reflects the transition that is taking place under the new rector.

While the parish has been served by a total of seven clergymen since 1930, it is interesting to note that in the ten-year period from 1954 to 1964, the average length of stay of a priest was two years.

The annual income of this parish amounts to approximately $11,800.00. Of this amount, $6,000.00, or almost 51% of the income, is received from the pledges of the members for current expenses. The average pledged receipts per communicant amount to $28.55 per communicant compared to $46.61 per communicant in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The national average is $55.72 per communicant. Were it possible to raise the regular giving of the parish to a level between the diocesan average and the national average, about $50.00 per communicant, the income from pledges alone would be about $10,500.00. The Church Self-Study Form declares that there is no Every Member Canvass conducted each year and the parish has no current program of stewardship education. The church does meet its Missionary Quota to the diocese for missionary purposes, and has no debt.

The parish has no present program for lay calling or evangelism, and since the clergyman was new at the time of the report, he had had no opportunity to estimate the number of calls he might make per week. The report on communications and community outreach is quite sparse in the Church Self-Study Form, and it is presumed that the new rector has not had enough time to organize these facets of the parish program as yet.

In reviewing the church's needs for the future, the committee which developed the Church Self-Study Form revealed there was a need for more Sunday School teachers and a program of expansion that would include the inactive and the unchurched. On the basis of this Study, it is felt that there is a need for a Stewardship and Religious Education Program in the parish.

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## CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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### I. IDENTIFICATION

Church The Free Church Of St. John

Street 3076 Emerald St.

City Philadelphia

County Philadelphia

Diocese Penna.

Parish or Mission Parish

State Penna.

What geographic area does this church serve? Kensington

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### II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses ____ Industrial uses X Apartment dwellings ____

Rooming houses ____ Single-home dwellings X A college ____ Military uses ____ Other institutions ____

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

Row Houses and Industrial Plants

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

Relatively Static at the moment

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

| PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS | ADDRESS |
|---|---|
| Frances Willard | Emerald & Orleans |
| Russell H. Conwell | Clearfield & Jasper |
| Thomas E. Powers | Frankford & Somerset |

| PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS | ADDRESS |
|---|---|
| Mastbaum Vocational School | Frankford Ave. & Clementine |
| John P. Jones Junior High | Tulip & Ann Sts. |
| Kensington Girls High | Frankford Ave. & Cumberland St. |

| PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS | ADDRESS |
|---|---|
| None | |

| PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS | ADDRESS |
|---|---|
| Ascension R.C. | E & Westmoreland |
| Nativity R.C. | Belgrade & Allegheny |

| PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS | ADDRESS |
|---|---|
| None | |

| JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES | ADDRESS |
|---|---|
| None | |

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

| NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION | ADDRESS |
|---|---|
| Peace - Lutheran | Emerald & Clearfield |
| Trinity - Presbyterian | Frankford & Cambria |
| Simpson-Memorial Methodist | Kensington Ave. & Monmouth |
| East Allegheny Ave. Methodist | 2000 E. Allegheny |
| Allegheny Baptist | Frankford Ave. & Allegheny |
| Salvation Army | 1900 E. Allegheny |
| Synogogue | 2000 E. Allegheny |
| Ascension R.C. | E & Westmoreland |
| Nativity R.C. | Allegheny & Belgrade |

## III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

On the 3rd Sunday after Easter, April 21, 1861, work was started in a Sunday School room on "Washington Avenue above Frankford Road" by members of Calvary (Monumental Church) Northern Liberties under the direction of the Rector. The first baptism was recorded on September 8, 1861, by Rev. Charles R. Bonnell, Rector of Calvary Church. In May, 1862, the Parish Charter was presented to the Diocesan Convention for approval but it was rejected for restricting voters in Parish Meetings to males of lawful age. Not until May, 1864, did the Convention approve the charter with voters being communicants who in the judgement of the Rector and Wardens have been contributors and usual attendants for the previous year. Meanwhile in 1862, Rev. George C. Field became the first Rector. The cornerstone of the Church was laid October 15, 1862 by Bishop Alonzo Potter and consecrated by him on April 11, 1863. It was designed by Rev. George Boyd, rector of St. John's, Northern Liberties, who did not live to see it. The Church was erected in his memory by his children. The charter was granted by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on May 12, 1864 to Messrs. William Ellis, Charles W. Mendenhall, Reese D. Fell, George Boyd, James H. McBride, Nathaniel B. Boyd, C. Augustus Van Kirk, Edward L. Fell, Harry G. Clay and George B. Kester. The word "Free" in the name of the Church indicates no pew rents were charged. St. John's ministered to over 1000 people in its big days, but today, due to industrial and socio-religious changes, cares for less than 200 - although this number should increase. The parish in 1964 celebrated its Centennial. The history of the Parish includes 25 Rectors, counting the present one.

## IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

The Church property is bounded by Emerald St., Elkhard St., and Helen St. Contains stone church and brick Parish House. Rectory property is located at 3089 Emerald.

2. Type of church building: Frame ____ Brick ____ Stone X Other _____ (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

300 Seatings, Balcony in rear, English Gothic. Just rehabilitated with steam cleaning and pointing. New heating system, painting, organ repairs, steeple and roof repairs needed at approximate cost of $3500.00.

Replacement Value $ 94,285 Amount of insurance carried $ 80,300

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached _____ Separated X ;

In basement of the church _____ ; Frame _____ Brick X

Stone _____ Other _____ (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

2 floors with basement. Upper floor is Auditorium with balcony. Ground floor contains 2 offices, a chapel, kitchen and dining areas. Building requires inside painting, heating system repairs and kitchen modernization. Estimated cost unknown.

Replacement value $ 170,467 Amount of insurance carried $221,250

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated X ;

Frame _____ Brick X Stone _____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

Brick Row Home, containing 9 rooms and full basement. Some roof-shed repairs needed plus front porch repairs. Estimated cost $300.00.

Is it used as a clergy residence? Yes If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: $ 9,000.00 Insurance carried: $ 8,500.00

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving (a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition; (d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value; (f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

None Other

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 66

Number of individuals not in families 38

2.

| Baptized membership | | | Communicants | | | Church School | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1950 | 1960 | Now | 1950 | 1960 | Now | 1950 | 1960 | Now |
| 248 | 253 | 250 | 200 | 210 | 205 | 50 | 57 | 55 |

3.

| | 5 yrs. ago | 4 yrs. ago | 3 yrs. ago | 2 yrs. ago | Last year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list | 6 | 2 | - | 5 | 7 |
| Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list | 14 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 6 |

4.

| Communicants added: | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By confirmation from Episcopal families | 0 | 13 | 14 | 6 | 10 |
| By confirmation from other Churches | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| By reception from other Churches | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| By baptism and confirmation from no church | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 2 | 21 | 15 | 7 | 10 |

5. Attendance:

Number of communicants who attended regularly last year 70

Number of communicants who attended occasionally 30

Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community 10

Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred 0

6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? 39

## V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

| TYPE OF SERVICE | HOUR | ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)* LOW | AVERAGE | HIGH |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eucharist | 8 A.M. | 5 | 10 | 18 |
| Eucharist or M. Prayer | 9:15 A.M. | 35 | 45 | 57 |
| Eucharist or M. Prayer | 11:00 A.M. | 35 | 45 | 65 |

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

| TYPE OF SERVICE | DAY AND HOUR | ATTENDANCE* LOW | AVERAGE | HIGH |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eucharist | Wed. 9 A.M. | 6 | 9 | 13 |
| Eucharist | Thurs. 7 A.M. | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Eucharist | Holy Days as Announced | 6 | 9 | 13 |

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Lenten Pilgrimage on Friday nights at 8 P.M.

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

Lenten Pilgrimage - 5 Services attended by approximately 10 people from this Parish, except when Service is in St. John's. Service is Evening Prayer and Sermon, and the Pilgrimage involves 5 parishes in Kensington Area.

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

Added 9:15 A.M. Family Service with Sunday School. Results not good.

Indicate cancellation, and restoration of Sunday School to another time.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? Yes
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? Yes
3. Is baby care provided during any service? No

## VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff 5

b. Students 50

Total 55

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 20

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 40

e. Are absentee cards used? Yes

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 9½

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. Some calls made.

2. Worship schedule

| CLASS OR DEPARTMENT | DAY | HOUR | DURATION | LEADER |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Classes | Sunday | 9:15 A.M. | ½ Hour | Rector |
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3. Instruction schedule

| CLASS | REGISTRATION | AGE | SEX | DAY | HOUR | DURATION | COURSE MATERIAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kindergarden | 9 | | M-F | Sun. | 9:15 | 10:30 | St. James |
| 1st | 8 | 6 | | | | | Seebury, EFS. |
| 2nd | 8 | 7 | | | | | for all grades. |
| 3rd | 7 | 8 | | | | | |
| 4th | 7 | 9 | | | | | |
| 5th | 6 | 10 | | | | | |
| 6th | 5 | 11 | | | | | |
| 7th | 5 | 12- | | | | | |

4. **List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.**

Diocesan Visual Aids Library

5. **Describe the program for pre-school children.**

Pictures, Talks, Coloring

6. **Data on the teaching staff**

a. **How are teachers recruited?** Solicited by Rector

b. **Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the number of sessions, the leaders, etc.**

By Rector - new system to be installed.

c. **How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?**

Meetings every other Month - Manuals

d. **Summary of teachers' backgrounds**

| AGE | Number | EDUCATION | Number | YEARS TEACHING | Number |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 years or less | 0 | Grade school | | one | |
| 20 to 29 | 3 | Junior high | | two | |
| 30 to 39 | 1 | Senior high | 5 | three | |
| 40 to 49 | 1 | 1 to 3 years College | | four | 5 |
| 50 years or more | 0 | College grad. | | five | |
| | | Graduate study | | 6 to 10 | |
| Male | 1 | | | 11 to 20 | |
| Female | 4 | K-12 | | 20 and over | |

7. What problems does the church school have? _____

Stability of system - follow up.

Higher Grades needed.

Teachers needed.

B. Vacation Church School

1. When is it held? None

2. For how long each day? _____

3. What type of courses are taught? _____

4. How many children attend, usually? _____

5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? _____

6. How many teachers are there? _____

C. Released Time Program

1. When are classes held? None

2. What type of courses are taught? _____

3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____

4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to t Christian education program of this congregation?

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

None

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 10 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 15 c. How long is each session? 1 hour d. Who is the instructor? Rector e. What material is used? Prayer Book and Rector's personal system.

f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? All inclusive

2. Adults

a. How many sessions are held? 10 b. How long is each session? 1 hour c. Who is the instructor? Rector d. What material is used? Same

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

| NAME OF GROUP | NUMBER OF MEMBERS | NUMBER OF MEETINGS | LENGTH OF MEETINGS | INSTRUCTOR |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parents Class to be started. | | | | |
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2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants. None

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

None

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

Additional Classes to be created for adults and upper teenagers.

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 80

2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 2

3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 33

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 50

2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 1

3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 25

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 1

2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 16

| D. For Girls in: | grade school | junior high | high school |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Total number of girls | 30 | 15 | 15 |
| 2. Number of organizations | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| 3. Total active membership | 20 | 10 | 14 |

| E. For Boys in: | grade school | junior high | high school |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Total number of boys | 18 | 10 | 10 |
| 2. Number of organizations | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3. Total active membership | 15 | 8 | 8 |

| F. For Youth in: | grade school | junior high | high school |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Number of organizations | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| 2. Total active membership | 35 | 18 | 22 |

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

## VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Ladies Guild

Total active members 20 Average attendance at meetings 15

Number of meetings each month 2 Day and time of meetings 2-4 Tues. 8 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

Fellowship and Service

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Adult Women

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

More social and work. Needs education.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Parties and work projects.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Community meeting opportunity.

Static leadership and lack of younger members is a problem.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

New blood and study.

Signed by: E.C.Loeffler Title: Rector

## VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Men's Club

Total active members 20 Average attendance at meetings 19

Number of meetings each month 2 Day and time of meetings 2-4 Wed. 8 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

Fellowship - Service - Community

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Adult Men

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

None. Mixed Faiths

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Work Projects and maintenance.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Game Room possibilities. Promoting greater community fellowship.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

More contacts.

Signed by: W. Mangold Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Senior Choir

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 10

Number of meetings each month 4 Day and time of meetings Thurs. 8PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

Service

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Adult and Teenage, mixed.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

none

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

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F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Aura Bates Title: Organist - Choirmaster

## VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Young Peoples Fellowship

Total active members 20 Average attendance at meetings 16

Number of meetings each month 4 Day and time of meetings Sun. 7:30 pm

B. Why does this organization exist?

Worship - Fellowship - Service - Study

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Teenagers

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Corporate Communions

Evening Prayer Sundays

Rectors Study

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Service

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Youth work

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Penetration

Signed by: E. C. Loeffler Title: Rector

## VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Girls Friendly Society - Juniors

Total active members 10 Average attendance at meetings 6

Number of meetings each month 4 Day and time of meetings Thurs. 6:30 pm

B. Why does this organization exist?

Fellowship - Service

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Young girls

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Usual

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Work Projects - crafts

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

guidance for young girls

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

more girls needed

Signed by: E.C.Loeffler Title: Rector

## IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

| NAME | APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE | PERIOD OF TENURE | MOVED TO: |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rev. Lewis Sasse | 40 | 1929-33 | ? |
| Rev. John H. Lever | 48 | 1933-54 | Retired |
| Rev. George B. Krantz | 60 | 1954-55 | Bishop's Vicar |
| Rev. A. W. Degerberg | 26 | 1955-59 | Crescentville |
| Rev. John R. McGrory | 62 | 1959-63 | Deceased |
| Rev. H. Prentiss | 70 | 1963-64 | Priest-in-charge |
| Rev. E. C. Loeffler | 34 | 1964- | Present Rector |
| | | | |
| | | | |

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? 1
Please give details.

One man ordained Priest

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? 2

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? No

If so, which congregations?

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges $6000.00 (2) Plate offerings $750.00 (3) Parish or mission organizations $2400.00 (4) Endowments $1400.00 (5) Special fund drives $1250.00 (6) Other (please specify) $ NONE

B. Disbursements

| | | 1940 | 1945 | 1950 | 1955 | 1960 | Last Full Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total current expenses | | | | 5200.00 | 6500.00 | 7000.00 | 4500.00 |
| Diocesan Assessment | | | | 200.00 | 260.00 | 230.00 | 220.00 |
| Missionary Disbursements | | | | 300.00 | 300.00 | 350.00 | 300.00 |
| Special parish expense | | | | 300.00 | 1100.00 | 1000.00 | 900.00 |
| Clergy salary or salaries: from congregation | a) | | | 3000.00 | 3800.00 | 4100.00 | 4200.00 |
| | b) | | | | | | |
| from other sources | a) | | | | | | |
| | b) | | | | | | |

Rental value of the rectory $ 80.00 Monthly

Is the church in debt? NO Amount of debt $ NONE Method of repayment NONE

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? No

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? _____ Describe the training of the canvassers. _____

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

Suppers, Bingo, Lawn Parties, Cake Sales, etc.

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support? N/A

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

None

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes

2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest X Congregation ___ Diocese ___

3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? $ 1,000.00 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? Parish & Priest

Car expense exceeds car allowance

5. How much does the local congregation pay? $600.00

6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business 1440

## XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

| TYPE OF CALL | NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK LOW | AVERAGE | HIGH |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Family or routine parish | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| 2. Sick or emergency | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| 3. Calls for other purposes | ___ | ___ | ___ |

4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:

Can not answer - new Rector

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling?

By Area - By immediate necessity

By New Arrivals

At least one annual visitation

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

See Newcomers right away

See Unchurched when known

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) Varies

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. None

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

None

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. _____

None

Vestry Committee started

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

By Invitation and Personal contact

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

None

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. What use is made of the press? Occasional Advertising

B. What use is made of radio and/or television? _____

Occasional Radio

C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? _____

Parish Mailings

D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. _____

Regular Rector's Letters

Event Notifications

E. How many church road signs are there? 1

## XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? Yes

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs.

Local Ministeriums

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

Lenten Pilgrimage

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

None at moment

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

None

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

Little communication

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Executive Council of Convocation

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? GFS Supervisor

Secretary of Women's Convocation

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? None

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs:

Convention

St. Andrews

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs:

Convocation

Convention delegates

GFS

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs:

GFS Holiday House

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? Yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? 5

XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rector | $5200.00 | - | Full Time |
| Sexton | 1000.00 | - | Part Time |

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

As much as possible. Men, Women, Boys and Girls all assist.

## XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: More Sunday School Teachers

2. Buildings: Adequate

3. Equipment: Adequate

B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

Expansion to Inactive and Unchurched.

C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

Urban

D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

Stewardship

Religious Education

E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

None

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

$13,000.00

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

Stewardship, Religious Education and Fund Raising

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

None

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

None

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

| NAME | OCCUPATION | NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH |
|---|---|---|
| The Rev. E.C.Loeffler | Rector | Less than ½ year |
| F. R. Mills | Industrial Spec. | 40 |
| G. Graeber | Electronics | 20 |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

Date completed: 6/4/64

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

The membership maps submitted by the Local Study Group listed the congregation by families instead of individuals. It was necessary, therefore, to prorate these into a pattern based on the Journal baptized membership. On this basis, the approximate number of persons listed in the map was 258. These 258 persons are found in a wide area in Philadelphia, but the heavier proportion of the membership is in the immediate parish area. The distribution of the congregation is given in the table on the following page.

# MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH PHILADELPHIA ST JOHNS FREE

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| CENSUS TRACT OR AREA | NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS | PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP |
|---|---|---|
| BUK CO UN | 4 | 15 |
| MON CO | 2 | 8 |
| 21H | 2 | 8 |
| 23F | 2 | 8 |
| 23G | 8 | 31 |
| 23H | 2 | 8 |
| 23I | 2 | 8 |
| 25A | 156 | 609 |
| 25B | 12 | 47 |
| 31A | 2 | 8 |
| 33C | 2 | 8 |
| 33G | 2 | 8 |
| 33J | 2 | 8 |
| 41A | 2 | 8 |
| 41G | 2 | 8 |
| 55D | 6 | 23 |
| 45C | 4 | 15 |
| 45E | 2 | 8 |
| 45G | 26 | 102 |
| 55C | 2 | 8 |
| 56B | 2 | 8 |
| 57A | 4 | 15 |
| 57B | 2 | 8 |
| 57C | 4 | 15 |
| OUT STATE | 2 | 8 |
| | 256 | 1000 |

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

Between 1950 and 1960, the City of Philadelphia declined in population by 3.3%. During this same period, the baptized membership of St. John's Church declined by 48.9%. The following table gives the percentage change in membership for St. John's Church in selected time periods:

| MEMBERSHIP STATUS | % CHANGE 1950-60 | 1955-60 | 1960-63 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized Members | -48.9 | -50.1 | 2.9 |
| Communicants | -27.2 | -32.8 | 5.1 |
| Church School | -12.9 | -14.9 | -25.7 |

Episcopal churches in the Kensington area present the following statistical picture:

| MEMBERSHIP STATUS | % CHANGE 1950-60 | 1955-60 | 1960-63 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized Members | 10.9 | 6.7 | -6.4 |
| Communicants | -18.3 | -13.9 | 0.7 |
| Church School | -16.1 | - 9.9 | -4.9 |

The City of Philadelphia has a statistical picture as follows:

| MEMBERSHIP STATUS | % CHANGE 1950-60 | 1955-60 | 1960-63 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized Members | - 4.8 | -5.7 | -7.7 |
| Communicants | -11.3 | -9.0 | -3.5 |
| Church School | 1.3 | -3.8 | -6.6 |

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The Diocese of Pennsylvania had changes in membership status as follows:

| MEMBERSHIP STATUS | % CHANGE 1950-60 | 1955-60 | 1960-63 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized Members | 19.9 | 5.4 | -2.1 |
| Communicants | 11.4 | 3.8 | 1.5 |
| Church School | 41.8 | 17.7 | -3.8 |

The statistical analysis of parishes in the Kensington area indicates that membership has declined precipitately over the years, but it appears that St. John's Church is beginning to reverse this decline in every area except the church school.

Between 1961 and 1963, inclusive, St. John's Church had 20 baptisms and 31 confirmations. The average ratio of baptisms to the communicant strength was 3.3% and the average ratio of confirmations to the communicant strength was 5.1%. In the Kensington area, these ratios were 4.4% and 4.5% respectively, and in the City of Philadelphia, the ratios were 3.5% and 3.4%, respectively. The Diocese of Pennsylvania had a ratio of 3.9% for baptisms to the communicant strength and 4.1% for confirmations to the communicant strength. It is usually considered necessary to have ratios of 5% in both categories in order to maintain a level of the church's membership, and that percentages of above 5% are generally indicators of future church growth. It should be noted that while there were 31 confirmations in the parish between 1961 and 1963, there was only a net increase of two communicants in this period.

Between 1961 and 1963, the church had total reported expenditures amounting to $35,156.00, of which $1,086.00 or 3.1% went for purposes outside of the parish. Episcopal churches in the Kensington area had a comparable ratio of 10%, and in the City of Philadelphia the ratio of total reported expenditures to extra-parochial expenditures was 11.3%. In

Pennsylvania, this ratio was 14.2%.

Expenditures per communicant averaged $57.63 per year for the years 1961 through 1963 in St. John's Church, and of this amount, $1.78 went for purposes outside of the parish. Comparable figures for Episcopal churches in the Kensington area were $56.22 and $5.65, respectively, while in the City of Philadelphia these figures were $88.66 and $10.02, respectively. In the Diocese of Pennsylvania the expenditures per communicant averaged $73.71 for this three-year period, of which $10.45 went for purposes outside of the parish. The missionary expenditures of St. John's Church are considerably below the average for the area, the city, and the diocese.

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# VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH St JOHN THE FREE TOWN PHILADELPHIA

COUNTY PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

| | 1940 | 1945 | 1950 | 1955 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baptised Members | 1,117 | 374 | 476 | 487 | 243 | 259 | 250 | 250 |
| Communicants | 963 | 224 | 268 | 290 | 195 | 203 | 202 | 205 |
| Church School | 184 | 104 | 85 | 87 | 74 | 74 | 78 | 55 |
| Baptisms | 17 | 11 | 8 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| Percentage of Communicants | 1.8 | 4.9 | 3.0 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 4.4 | 2.5 | 2.9 |
| Confirmations | 18 | 9 | 4 | 23 | 13 | 15 | 6 | 10 |
| Percentage of Communicants | 1.9 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 7.9 | 6.7 | 7.4 | 3.0 | 4.9 |
| Parochial Expenditures 1 | 5,374 | 6,606 | 5,695 | 7,521 | 9,840 | 10,848 | 11,024 | 10,217 |
| Special Par. Expenditures 2 | 881 | 733 | 3,120 | 3,202 | 1,396 | 703 | 767 | 511 |
| Extra-parochial Expenditures 3 | 38 | 363 | 377 | 534 | 315 | 394 | 392 | 300 |
| Total Reported Expenditures | 6,293 | 7,702 | 9,192 | 11,257 | 11,551 | 11,945 | 12,183 | 11,028 |
| Expenditures per Communicant | 6.53 | 34.38 | 34.30 | 38.82 | 59.24 | 58.84 | 60.31 | 53.80 |
| Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant | 0.04 | 1.62 | 1.41 | 1.84 | 1.62 | 1.94 | 1.94 | 1.46 |

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1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.

2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.

3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

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DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

A total of 172 persons is reported on the age/sex chart of the Episcopal Census submitted by the congregation of St. John's Free Church. Of this number, 45.2% are men and 54.8% are women. Of the total reporting, 23.4% are 14 years of age and under and 12.8% are 65 years of age and older. The approximate median age for men in the congregation is 36.1 years, and the approximate median age for women is 43.4 years. These medians tend to be somewhat higher than the median age level found in the community in general.

Of the total reporting, the largest age group in the congregation is made up of adults in their 50's, and the second largest age group is made up of children between 10 and 19.9 years of age. The following table gives the percentage distribution of the congregation by ten-year age groupings:

| AGE GROUPINGS | PERCENTAGE |
|---|---|
| Children under 10 yrs. of age | 14.1 |
| Children from 10-19.9 yrs. | 15.7 |
| Adults in their 20's | 7.5 |
| " " " 30's | 15.0 |
| " " " 40's | 10.4 |
| " " " 50's | 18.7 |
| " " " 60's | 11.1 |
| " " " 70's and older | 7.5 |

155 persons report on their occupations. Of this number, 41.9% are gainfully employed, and the largest category among the gainfully employed is that of clerical workers which make up 11% of the total. The next largest category is that of semi-skilled workers at 7.7% and this is followed by professional people at 6.5%. Among the non-gainfully employed, the largest category is that of housewives at 26.5%, with the next largest category being students at 21.3%. The retired reporting make up 5.8% of the total.

A total of 132 persons report on their length of membership in this congregation. Of this number, 28.8% have been members for less than ten years, while 34.1% have been members for 30 years or more.

In reporting on the number of children living at home, 43.3% of the families have two children and this is followed by 30% of the families with one child. No family has more than four children.

101 persons 25 years of age and older report on their education. Of this number, 33.7% have completed high school, 8.9% have had from one to three years of college, and 3% have had a full college education.

Persons in Episcopal families who belong to other churches are either Roman Catholics or Methodists, with 87.5% belonging to the former denomination. Of those reporting a former affiliation, 50% were Roman Catholics and the remainder were Methodists.

Of the total reporting on ethnic background, 82% are Anglo-Saxons, 16% Northern Europeans, and 2% Southern Europeans.

The census on distance and time families live away from the church indicates clearly that this is a neighborhood congregation. Of 77 families, 81.8% live within a mile of the church and only 11.7% live four or more miles away. It is significant, however, that only 41.1% of the total can get to church in less than 10 minutes, and 13.7% take 30 or more minutes in getting to the church.

Of 67 families reporting on their type of dewlling, 86.6% live in single-family dwellings, and 77.1% own their own homes. Of those reporting on the age of their residences, nearly two-thirds live in houses built prior to 1920, and less than 10% live in homes built since 1950.

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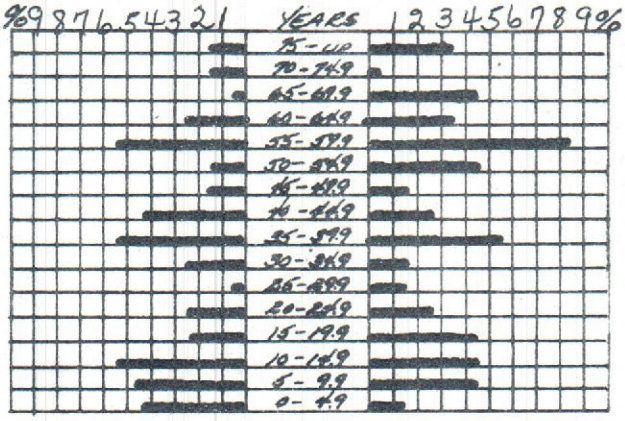
THE PROFILE OF PH-60 ST. JOHN'S FREE CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA
CITY & COUNTY PHILADELPHIA
DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

AGE AND SEX CLASSIFICATION — TOTAL NUMBER REPORTING 172




| MALE NUMBER | MALE PERCENT | AGE GROUP IN YEARS | FEMALE PERCENT | FEMALE NUMBER |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 1.7 | 75-up | 3.5 | 6 |
| 3 | 1.7 | 70-74.9 | 0.6 | 1 |
| 1 | 0.6 | 65-69.9 | 4.7 | 8 |
| 4 | 2.3 | 60-64.9 | 3.5 | 6 |
| 9 | 5.2 | 55-59.9 | 8.2 | 14 |
| 2 | 1.2 | 50-54.9 | 4.1 | 7 |
| 3 | 1.7 | 45-49.9 | 1.7 | 3 |
| 7 | 4.1 | 40-44.9 | 2.9 | 5 |
| 9 | 5.2 | 35-39.9 | 5.8 | 10 |
| 4 | 2.3 | 30-34.9 | 1.7 | 3 |
| 1 | 0.6 | 25-29.9 | 1.7 | 3 |
| 4 | 2.3 | 20-24.9 | 2.9 | 5 |
| 4 | 2.3 | 15-19.9 | 4.1 | 7 |
| 9 | 5.2 | 10-14.9 | 4.1 | 7 |
| 8 | 4.7 | 5-9.9 | 4.1 | 7 |
| 7 | 4.1 | 0-4.9 | 1.2 | 2 |
| 78 | 45.2 | TOTALS | 54.8 | 94 |

AGE GROUPS — TOTAL NO. REP. 172

| No. | % | | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 23.4 | 14-UNDER | | | | | | | | | |
| 121 | 70.2 | 20-OVER | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 12.8 | 65-OVER | | | | | | | | | |

BAPTIZED — TOTAL NO. REP. 178

| No. | % | | 1 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 175 | 98.3 | YES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 1.7 | NO | | | | | | | | | | | |

CONFIRMED — TOTAL NO. REP. 178

| No. | % | | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 32.0 | YES | | | | | | | | | |
| 121 | 68.0 | NO | | | | | | | | | |

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CHURCH NAME AND REF. NO. PH-60 ST. JOHN'S FREE CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CONGREGATION — TOTAL NO. REP. 132

| No. | % | YEARS | 3 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 30 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 15.9 | 0-4.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | 12.9 | 5-9.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 14.4 | 10-14.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | 12.9 | 15-19.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 6.8 | 20-24.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 49 | 37.1 | 25-OVER | | | | | | | | | | 37.1 |

NON-EPISCOPALIAN: BELONG TO WHAT CHURCH — TOTAL NO. REP. 16

| No. | % | DENOMINATION | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 | 24 | 28 | 32 | 36 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | BAPTIST | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | LUTHERAN | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 12.5 | METHODIST | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | PRESBYTERIAN | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 87.5 | ROMAN CATH. | | | | | | | | | | 87.5 |
| | | HEBREW | | | | | | | | | | |

CHURCH FORMERLY BELONGED TO: — TOTAL NO. REP. 8

| No. | % | DENOMINATION | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | BAPTIST | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | LUTHERAN | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 50.0 | METHODIST | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | PRESBYTERIAN | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 50.0 | ROMAN CATH. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | HEBREW | | | | | | | | | | |

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CHURCH NAME AND REF. NO. PH-60 ST. JOHN'S FREE CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

OCCUPATION — TOTAL NO. REP. 155

| No. | % | Class |
|---|---|---|
| 7 | 4.5 | PRE-STUDENT |
| 33 | 21.3 | STUDENTS |
| 41 | 26.5 | HOUSEWIVES |
| | | UNEMPLOYED |
| 9 | 5.8 | RETIRED |
| 10 | 6.5 | PROFESSIONAL |
| | | FARM MANAGER |
| 7 | 4.5 | MANAGERS |
| 17 | 11.0 | CLERICAL |
| 5 | 3.2 | SALES |
| 7 | 4.5 | CRAFTSMEN |
| 12 | 7.7 | SEMI-SKILLED |
| | | DOMESTIC |
| 5 | 3.2 | SERVICE |
| | | FARM LABOR |
| | | LABORERS |
| 2 | 1.3 | MILITARY |

EDUCATION — TOTAL NO. REP. 101

| No. | % | College |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 3.0 | 4 OR MORE |
| 9 | 8.9 | 1-3 |
| | | HIGH SCHOOL |
| 34 | 33.7 | 4 |
| 31 | 30.7 | 1-3 |
| | | ELEMENTARY |
| 24 | 23.7 | 5-8 |
| | | 1-4 |
| | | NONE |

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME — TOTAL NO. REP. 30

| No. | % | Children |
|---|---|---|
| 9 | 30.0 | ONE |
| 13 | 43.3 | TWO |
| 7 | 23.3 | THREE |
| 1 | 3.4 | FOUR |
| | | MORE |

BORN THIS STATE — TOTAL NO. REP. 154

| No. | % | |
|---|---|---|
| 133 | 86.4 | YES |
| 21 | 13.6 | NO |

BORN IN U.S.A. — TOTAL NO. REP. 154

| No. | % | |
|---|---|---|
| 150 | 97.4 | YES |
| 4 | 2.6 | NO |

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CHURCH NAME & REF. NO. PH-60 ST. JOHN'S FREE CHURCH PHILADELPHIA

DISTANCE FROM CHURCH — TOTAL NO. REP. 77

| No. | % | MILES | 3 6 9 12 15 18 21 24 27 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | 81.8 | 1 OR LESS | | 81.8 |
| 2 | 2.6 | 1 - 1.9 | | |
| 1 | 1.3 | 2 - 2.9 | | |
| 2 | 2.6 | 3 - 3.9 | | |
| 9 | 11.7 | 4 OR MORE | | |

TIME FROM CHURCH — TOTAL NO. REP. 73

| No. | % | MINUTES | 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 41.1 | 10 OR LESS | |
| 29 | 39.7 | 10 - 19 | |
| 4 | 5.5 | 20 - 29 | |
| 10 | 13.7 | 30 OR MORE | |

HOME OWNERS — TOTAL NO. REP. 70

| No. | % | | 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 77.1 | YES | |
| 16 | 22.9 | NO | |

RESIDENCE BUILT — TOTAL NO. REP. 51

| No. | % | YEAR | 3 6 9 12 15 18 21 24 27 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1960 - PRESENT | | |
| 5 | 9.8 | 1950 - 1959 | | |
| 3 | 5.9 | 1940 - 1949 | | |
| 1 | 2.0 | 1930 - 1939 | | |
| 8 | 15.7 | 1920 - 1929 | | |
| 25 | 49.0 | 1900 - 1919 | | 49.0 |
| 9 | 17.6 | 1899 BEFORE | | |

TYPE OF DWELLING — TOTAL NO. REP. 67

| No. | % | CLASS | 3 6 9 12 15 18 21 24 27 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 58 | 86.6 | SINGLE | | 86.6 |
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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ST. JOHN'S FREE CHURCH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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At the time of the visitation, St. John's Church had a new rector. Many of the plans for the church had not been clearly formulated, but there was evidence of renewed life and activity in the church. It is hoped that this Study can be the basis for program planning.

It is evident, as one looks at the buildings and grounds of St. John's Church, that an operation of this size needs constant attention. And yet, the baptized membership of the church is far too small to make full use of the extensive facilities. It is therefore recommended that a Buildings and Grounds Committee consisting of one or two members of the vestry, a representative from each of the parish organizations, and one or two members from the church-at-large be appointed. It is hoped that a person can be found who is skilled in architecture of the construction business, for his advice and counsel would be very helpful to this committee. It should be the duty of this committee to examine the physical needs of the church buildings, to outline a set of priorities for repairs and renovation, and to report to the vestry on a quarterly basis as to these needs. Included in the report should be an estimate of the cost of such renovations, and some indications of the means of financing the repairs.

The Church Self-Study Form indicated a need for a stewardship education program and an adult educational

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program. The stewardship education program is definitely needed as one examines the low commitment per communicant at the present time. The average of $28.60 per communicant received from pledges is well below the diocesan and the national averages. If it were possible for St. John's to equal the national average of pledged giving per communicant, the amount they would have in hand would just about equal the total now received from all sources. Therefore, it is suggested that the church seek the aid of the appropriate Department of the Diocese for aid in planning a stewardship education program. Such a program should include an Every Member Canvass conducted on a personal solicitation basis. Furthermore, the stewardship education program should not be a once-a-year affair, but should have continuing emphasis the year-round.

The need of the Episcopal Church for adult Christian education is becoming obvious throughout the country. St. John's Church shares in this need. It is felt that the church should appoint a Christian Education Committee whose task it would be to plan, with the rector, an adult education program. In planning, the committee should take into consideration the day-to-day problems of the church's membership, and offer a program that has relevancy to life in this present day. The failure of many education programs in the Church is that they are not geared to the real needs of real people. While it is true that Bible and Church History may contain some help for people in dealing with their everyday problems, the place to start is everyday life and move to these excellent resources as their relevance becomes apparent.

It is suggested that whatever Christian education program is undertaken, the attempt to be made

to reach the entire parish. It is true that every organization in the church should carry on a Christian education program, but in so many cases this would leave out a large percentage of the church's membership. Since continuing programs are difficult to maintain, it is advised that programs be presented in units, each lasting from six to ten weeks. Perhaps the success of many Lenten programs is due to the fact that they are exactly six weeks in length, and that persons joining in such a program know that there will be a definite beginning and a definite conclusion.

It was noted in the Church Self-Study Form that the 9:15 a.m. Family Service did not meet with very much success. It is suggested that the parish consider combining the 9:15 a.m. service and the 11:00 a.m. service into one service to be held at 10:00 a.m. and then, after a trial, determine the comparative success of the new arrangement. This would give an opportunity for a better adult education program, since it would assemble a greater proportion of the adults at one time. The church does not lack for space, and following the morning worship service, it should be possible for all persons to take part in one or more of the phases of the Christian education program offered by the parish.

There are some indications that the area in which St. John's Free Church is located is plagued by the poor spacing of Episcopal churches. While it is not recommended at the present time that mergers between one or more of the Episcopal churches in the area take place, the lines of communication between the churches should always be open so that there might be better planning in the future.

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Finally, it is recommended that the church examine the possibility of undertaking one of the area summer projects sponsored by the National Church. This project would bring summer workers into the parish who could run a summer Vacation Bible School program, and make a canvass of the neighborhood, seeking the unchurched, the lapsed and the unknown Episcopalians in the area. Information about a summer service project is available through the proper diocesan channels.